



Docket No.: 60188-835



## REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 111(a)

Prior Application: **International Application No. PCT/JP2004/003450**  
Art Unit: **(Unassigned)**  
Examiner: **(Unassigned)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation or continuation-in-part application, entitled **SEMICONDUCTOR**  
**APPARATUS AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF**, under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) of pending prior  
International Application No. **PCT/JP2004/003450**, filed on **March 12, 2004**, entitled **SEMICONDUCTOR**  
**APPARATUS AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF**, by the following named inventor(s):

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1. ☒ I hereby verify, to the best of my knowledge, that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.
2. ☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 2a. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, References and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ Cancel claims



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4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT
Total Claims		-20		\$18.00 =	
Independent Claims		-3		\$86.00 =	
Basic Application Fee					
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00					
Total Application Fee					
Subtract ½ if small entity					
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					
<b>AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 500417</b>					

- 4a. ☐ Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 4b. ☐ A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.
6. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
7. ☒ Priority of Japanese Application Serial No. 2003-149444 filed on May 27, 2003, in Japan and International Application No. PCT/JP2004/003450 filed March 12, 2004 designating the U.S. is claimed under 35 USC 119, 120 and/or 365. A certified copy of the Japanese priority document will be forwarded in due course.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to

**Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd**  
**Osaka, JAPAN**

9. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

**MAEDA PATENT OFFICE,  
Osaka, JAPAN**

10. ☐ Also enclosed:

11. ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until

12. ☒ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

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